

## APPENDIX 10—SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES LIST

In accordance with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) policy and directives, a BLM sensitive species policy and list has been developed for public lands in Wyoming. The objective of the sensitive species designation is to ensure that the BLM considers the overall welfare of these species when undertaking action on public lands and to ensure that federal actions do not contribute to the need to list the species under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Bureau's management authority for sensitive species (6840 manual) is not as specifically structured as for proposed, threatened, or endangered species, and provides an opportunity to practice proactive conservation. Sensitive species management on BLM-administered lands includes inventory, land use planning, conservation strategies, National Environmental Policy Act (of 1969) (NEPA) analysis, best management practices, monitoring, and information exchange for these species. This list is dynamic, will change as new information for each species is accumulated and assimilated, and will be reviewed annually.

### ANIMALS

#### Threatened and Endangered Species

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**Table A10-1. Threatened, Endangered, and Candidate Animal Species in the Rawlins Resource Management Plan Planning Area (RMPPA)**

Species	Status	Expected Occurrence
Bald Eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> )	Threatened	Nesting, winter resident, migrant
Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo ( <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> )	Threatened	Deciduous-riparian woodland ecosystems
Canada Lynx ( <i>Lynx canadensis</i> )	Threatened	Resident of forested areas
Black-footed Ferret ( <i>Mustela nigripes</i> )	Endangered	Potential resident in prairie dog towns
Black-tailed Prairie Dog ( <i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i> )	Candidate	Open grassy plains and upland areas
Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse ( <i>Zapus hudsoniuse preblei</i> )	Threatened	Riparian habitats east of Laramie Mountains and south of the North Platte River
Wyoming Toad ( <i>Bufo baxteri</i> )	Endangered	Resident of Laramie River Valley
Western Boreal Toad ( <i>Bufo boreas boreas</i> )	Candidate	Wet and dry meadows of the Upper Muddy Creek and Powder Rim areas

If a proposed action will lead to water depletion (consumption) in the Platte or Colorado River systems, impacts to the following species should be included in the evaluation:

**Table A10-2. Threatened and Endangered Animal Species Downstream of the Rawlins RMPPA**

Species	Status	Expected Occurrence
Interior Least Tern ( <i>Sterna antillarum</i> )	Endangered	Downstream resident of the Platte River
Interior Piping Plover ( <i>Charadrius melodus</i> )	Threatened	Downstream resident of the Platte River
Pallid Sturgeon ( <i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i> )	Endangered	Downstream resident of the Platte River
Whooping Crane ( <i>Grus americana</i> )	Endangered	Downstream resident of the Platte River
Eskimo Curlew ( <i>Numenius borealis</i> )	Endangered	Downstream resident of the Platte River
Bonytail Chub ( <i>Gila elegans</i> )	Endangered	Downstream resident of the Colorado River
Colorado Pikeminnow ( <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> )	Endangered	Downstream resident of the Colorado River
Humpback Chub ( <i>Gila cypha</i> )	Endangered	Downstream resident of the Colorado River
Razorback sucker ( <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> )	Endangered	Downstream resident of the Colorado River

## BLM Sensitive Species

**Table A10-3. BLM Sensitive Animals in the Rawlins RMPPA**

Sensitive Species Common Name	Scientific Name	Habitat
<b>Mammals</b>		
Myotis, Long-eared	<i>Myotis evotis</i>	Conifer and deciduous forests, caves and mines
Myotis, Fringed	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>	Conifer forests, woodland-chaparral, caves and mines
Bat, Townsend's Big-eared	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>	Forests, basin-prairie shrub, caves and mines
Prairie Dog, White-tailed	<i>Cynomys leucurus</i>	Basin-prairie and riparian shrub
Pocket Gopher, Wyoming	<i>Thomomys clusius</i>	Meadows with loose soil
Fox, Swift	<i>Vulpes velox</i>	Grasslands
<b>Birds</b>		
Ibis, White-faced	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	Marshes, wet meadows
Swan, Trumpeter	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	Lakes, ponds, rivers
Goshawk, Northern	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Conifer and deciduous forests
Hawk, Ferruginous	<i>Buteo regalis</i>	Basin-prairie shrub, grasslands, rock outcrops

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Falcon, Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Tall cliffs
Sage-grouse, Greater	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	Basin-prairie shrub, mountain-foothill shrub
Grouse, Columbian Sharp-tailed	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus columbianus</i>	Grasslands
Curlew, Long-billed	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	Grasslands, plains, foothills, wet meadows
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Open woodlands, streamside willow and alder groves
Owl, Burrowing	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	Grasslands, basin-prairie shrub
Thrasher, Sage	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	Basin-prairie shrub, mountain-foothill shrub
Shrike, Loggerhead	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Basin-prairie shrub, mountain-foothill shrub
Sparrow, Brewer's	<i>Spizella breweri</i>	Basin-prairie shrub
Sparrow, Sage	<i>Amphispiza belli</i>	Basin-prairie shrub, mountain-foothill shrub
Sparrow, Baird's	<i>Ammodramus bairdii</i>	Grasslands, weedy fields
<b>Fish</b>		
Chub, Roundtail	<i>Gila robusta</i>	Colorado River drainage, mostly large rivers, also streams and lakes
Chub, Leatherside	<i>Gila copei</i>	Bear, Snake and Green Rivers drainages, clear, cool streams and pools
Sucker, Bluehead	<i>Catostomus discobolus</i>	Bear, Snake and Green drainages, all waters
Sucker, Flannelmouth	<i>Catostomus latipinnis</i>	Colorado River drainage, large rivers, streams and lakes
Trout, Colorado River Cutthroat	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki pleuriticus</i>	Colorado River drainage, clear mountain streams
<b>Amphibians</b>		
Frog, Northern Leopard	<i>Rana pipiens</i>	Beaver ponds, permanent water in plains and foothills
Spadefoot, Great Basin	<i>Spea intermontana</i>	Spring seeps, permanent and temporary waters
Toad, Boreal (Northern Rocky Mountain population)	<i>Bufo boreas boreas</i>	Pond margins, wet meadows, riparian areas

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## PLANTS

### Threatened and Endangered Species

**Table A10-4. Threatened and Endangered Plant Species in the Rawlins RMPPA**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Habitat
Blowout Penstemon	<i>Penstemon haydenii</i>	Endangered	Open sandy habitat of blowouts
Ute Ladies'-Tresses	<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>	Threatened	Seasonally moist soils and wet meadows of drainages below 7,000 feet
Colorado Butterfly Plant	<i>Gaura neomexicana</i> ssp. <i>coloradensis</i>	Threatened	Moist areas of flood plains in a small area of southeastern Wyoming, western Nebraska, and north-central Colorado

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**Table A10-5. Threatened and Endangered Plant Species Downstream of the Rawlins RMPPA**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Habitat
Western Prairie Fringed Orchid	<i>Platanthera praeclara</i>	Threatened	Riparian area—Platte River watershed

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**Table A10-6. BLM Sensitive Plants in the Rawlins RMPPA**

Sensitive Species Common Name	Scientific Name	Habitat
Laramie Columbine	<i>Aquilegia laramiensis</i>	Crevices of granite boulders and cliffs, at 6,400–8,000 feet
Nelson's Milkvetch	<i>Astragalus nelsonianus</i> —or— <i>Astragalus pectinatus</i> var. <i>platyphylius</i>	Alkaline clay flats, shale bluffs and gullies, pebbly slopes, in sparsely vegetated sagebrush, juniper, and cushion plant communities; at 5,200–7,600 feet
Cedar Rim Thistle	<i>Cirsium aridum</i>	Barren, chalky hills, gravelly slopes and fine-textured sand-shaley draws; at 6,700–7,200 feet
Weber's Scarlet Gilia	<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i> ssp. <i>weberi</i>	Openings in coniferous forests and scrub oak woodlands, at 8,500–9,600 feet
Gibbens Beardstongue	<i>Penstemon gibbensii</i>	Sparsely vegetated shale or sandy-clay slopes, at 5,500–7,400 feet
Persistent Sepal Yellowcress	<i>Rorippa calycina</i>	Riverbanks and shorelines on sandy soils near the high-water line
Pale Blue-eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium pallidum</i>	Wet meadows, stream banks, roadside ditches, and irrigated meadows; at 7,000–7,900 feet

Sensitive Species Common Name	Scientific Name	Habitat
Laramie False Sagebrush	<i>Sphaeromeria simplex</i>	Cushion plant communities on rocky limestone ridges and gentle slopes, at 7,500–8,600 feet

